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Mr. William Caton, Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

**Ex Parte: Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the
Telecommunications Act of 1996 - CC Docket No. 96-98**

Dear Mr. Caton,

In accordance with Commission Rules, please be advised that today representatives of GTE discussed, by telephone conference, procedures regarding the assignment of central office codes with Renee Alexander and Gregory Cooke of the Network Services Division of the Common Carrier Bureau. GTE discussed its answers to the Bureau's request for information on central office code openings as contained in the attached letter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (202) 463-5293.

Sincerely,

W. Scott Randolph
Director - Regulatory Affairs

cc: Ms. Renee Alexander
Mr. Gregory Cooke

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RE: Request for Information - Code Opening Fees

Ms. Alexander,

I am sending you a written response to facilitate our conference call this afternoon at 2:30pm EST. I will call you and include Scott Randolph from our Washington D.C. office and Skip Gancarz from our Tampa, Florida Operations. This information is in response to your Request for Information dated July 31, 1997 in reference to "Code Opening" Fees. I will list our response to each of the four questions in the same order as in your request.

Question 1) Define and distinguish the terms "assignment of CO codes," "activation of CO codes," and "CO code opening."

Response: The **assignment of a CO code**, or NXX, takes place when an authorized carrier applies for a new code with the number administrator, meets the criteria by justifying the need and is in compliance with the CO Code assignment Policies and Guidelines. The code administrator will then "assign" a CO code that is currently unassigned. The code administrator then begins "code activation."

The **activation of CO codes** occurs after assignment of a code to the authorized entity. The code is "activated" by having the code entered in the Routing Database System (RDBS), the Bellcore Rating Input Database system (BRIDS) and the LIDB Access Support System (LASS). Entry into these databases activates the code in the industry wide databases and notification occurs to the industry through outputs from RDBS, BRIDS and LASS. Examples of RDBS outputs would include the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) and the NPA/NXX Activity Guide (NNAG). Examples of BRIDS outputs are the Terminating Point Master (TPM) and the NPA/NXX Vertical and Horizontal Coordinates Data (VHCD). An example of a LASS output would be the LIDB Access Routing Guide (LARG).

CO code opening is available after assignment and activation have occurred and the applicant is ready to put the first number from the approved NPA in service. **CO code opening** is when the first number is implemented in the public telephone switched network to handle specific routing and rating requirements.



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Question 2) List and define the functions associated with CO code assignment. Identify the fees charged by incumbent LECs for each of the functions associated with CO code assignment.

Response: The functions associated with CO code assignment include the following functions and associated planning, administration and tracking:

Provide guidelines for acquiring CO codes when requested by an applicant - provide timely notification of changes

Receive and process applications for codes within the geographic area for which the CO code administrator is responsible.

Determine if the NXX code request is in compliance with the CO code Assignment Policies and Guidelines.

Respond within 10 days of the receipt of an application.

Review documentation to determine if the request satisfies the documentation requirements of the Policies and Guidelines

Select an unassigned code for assignment.

Perform technical analysis as necessary for electromechanical switches for an appropriate NXX assignment.

Perform notification in jeopardy NPA situations.

Respond to regulators or industry bodies that request specific codes set aside.

Project CO code exhaust and forecast plans for NPA relief activities.

Develop dialing plan alternatives with local jurisdictions.

Prepare assignment reports and answer information requests as required on assignment

GTE does not charge fees for any of the above CO code assignment functions for the three areas that we administer (813 and 941 in Florida and 808 in Hawaii).



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**Question 3) List and define the functions associated with CO code activation
Identify the fees charged by incumbent LECs for each of the functions
associated with CO code activation.**

Response: The functions associated with CO code activation include the following
functions and associated planning, administration and tracking:

Maintain records on codes assigned and codes available

Collect and forward to the NANP records that detail the codes assigned or used in the
Central Office Utilization Survey (COCUS).

Ensure that the NXX, NPA and OCN are input to the RDBS.

Perform code reclamation services.

Input into or submit for input the assigned codes to the RDBS and BRIDS at the request
of the code applicant.

Track switch cut overs and code reassignments.

Refer any code that has not been returned as required to the Industry Numbering
Committee (INC).

Refer to the INC any extension of time request falling outside the Guidelines.

Prepare assignment reports and answer information requests as required on assignment

**GTE does not charge fees for any of the above CO code activation functions for the
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Question 4) List and define the functions associated with CO code opening. Identify the fees charged by incumbent LECs for each of the functions associated with CO code opening fees.

Response: The functions associated with CO code opening include the following functions and associated planning, administration and tracking:

Ensure applicant places code in service within the time frame .

If a code is not used in the required time frame, request the return of the code for reassignment.

Code administration duties such as number relief planning, conservation procedures and monitoring changes in jeopardy situations.

Notify parties, including the NANPA, of NPA conservation procedures.

Code administrator provides assistance in the code relief planning process when necessary and provides tracking of utilization.

Supplies utilization data to COCUS

Projects CO code exhaust and forecasts plans for NPA relief activities.

Provides assistance to users of numbering resources and suggests alternatives, if needed, to optimize number utilization.

Prepare assignment reports and answer information requests as required on assignment

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If I can provide or track down any further information concerning CO codes, please feel free to contact me at the number provided below.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael W. Bollinger".

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